

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor, Herb Shaw	Present
Commissioner, Gerald DeWitt	Present
Commissioner, Lauren Drury Amis	Present
Commissioner, James Johnson, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Geneva Nichols	Present
Commissioner, Ricky Reddish, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Bobby Townsend	Present
City Attorney, Alvin Leaphart	Present
City Manager, Onda Woodard	Present
Police Chief, Butch Hutcheson	Present

The Lord's Prayer was led by City Attorney Leaphart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Hutcheson.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Amis to approve minutes dated May 20, 2008.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Woodard reminded Council, 60 days ago, they requested her to find out who was interested in renting the MLK Building. She informed them she had received two request letters, and stated Mr. Richard Johnson, Director of Wayne County Emergency Medical Service, and Dr. Claire Hicks, representing Wayne Wellness Center, were present to answer any questions.

Mayor Shaw stated Gilead Gospel Church also submitted a previous request letter.

Commissioner Reddish stated Council needs to have a Work Session to discuss what they want to do with the building.

Commissioner Johnson made motion seconded by Commissioner Amis to have a Work Session following the meeting to discuss the use of the MLK building.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Woodard stated she was contacted by Universal Electric requesting water service extension to 923 E. Cherry Street and the building next door, and she advised City Engineer Bill Shuman to prepare cost estimates.

Mr. Shuman recommended the option to bore under the road.

Commissioner Amis made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to proceed with alternate #2, which includes boring under Hwy. 341, at an estimated cost of \$40,000.00.

All Council voted yes.

Mr. Shuman stated the City requested Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung to review several projects, including the drainage problem along South Macon Street, and Mr. Bob Whelchel was present to report the budget estimate.

Mr. Whelchel reported the ditches may be eliminated and pipe installed on both sides of South Macon Street between TyTy and Brannen Streets at an estimated cost of \$680,000.00.

Mr. Jim Franklin, a resident of South Macon Street, stated he just wants the ditch to drain water.

Commissioner Johnson stated if there is a solution to the drainage problem without eliminating the ditches, it needs to be investigated.

Mr. Whelchel recommended Council look at a storm water master plan approach and obtain the necessary topo.

Council requested Mr. Whelchel to review the South Macon Street site again and report any alternative drainage options.

Mr. Whelchel stated the City's goal is to video all 67 miles of sewer pipe, review the tapes, identify the necessary repairs and hire a contractor to complete repairs. He reported an estimated cost of \$300,000.00 annually over a period of 13 years.

Mr. Shuman stated the City needs to add \$300,000.00 to the proposed 2008-09 budget.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Johnson to proceed with the first year plan development at a proposed cost of \$300,000.00, which includes \$200,000.00 from City funds and \$100,000.00 from SPLOST.

All Council voted yes.

Mr. Shuman requested approval to formally submit the Drinking Water permit document to EPD for their final approval before it can be adopted.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to approve Mr. Shuman to submit the Drinking Water special conditions to Environmental Protection Division for their approval.

All Council voted yes.

Mr. Stanley Efaw, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, requested approval to purchase a bulk tanker from McKenzie Tank Lines.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Reddish to approve the purchase of a Bulk Tanker from McKenzie Tank Lines at a cost of \$17,500.00.

All Council voted yes.

Building Inspector Truett Thompson stated the City had 3 houses that the property owners have not removed as ordered by the City Judge.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the bids received for the demolition of the three properties, and recommended awarding the bids to Boyd's Construction on all three demolition projects at a total cost of \$6,000.00

. Bids were as follows:

SEALED BIDS – Demolition – 574 W. Walnut Street

OPENED 06/02/08

1.	Boyd's Construction	\$ 2,500.00
2.	C. M. Hinson	\$ 4,100.00
3.	DEJ Enterprise	\$ 3,489.60
4.	J & J Dump Trucking	\$ 3,200.00
5.	Deloach Land Clearing	\$ 2,400.00
6.	Southern Abatement Services	\$ 6,300.00
7.	Terry Kidd	\$ 3,100.00
8.	Southern Environmental Services	\$ 8,327 + 34.60/ton for disposal

SEALED BIDS – Demolition – 347 N. Albany Street

OPENED 06/02/08

1.	C. M. Hinson	\$ 3,600.00
2.	J & J Dump Trucking	\$ 3,200.00
3.	Southern Abatement Services	\$ 5,800.00
4.	Southern Environmental Services	\$ 8,327 + 34.60/ton for disposal

SEALED BIDS – Demolition – 249 N. Third Street

OPENED 06/02/08

1.	Boyd's Construction	\$ 1,500.00
2.	C. M. Hinson	\$ 4,900.00

3.	DEJ Enterprise	\$ 4,931.60
4.	J & J Dump Trucking	\$ 2,500.00
5.	Deloach Land Clearing	\$ 3,200.00
6.	Southern Abatement Services	\$ 8,700.00
7.	Terry Kidd	\$ 3,500.00
8.	Southern Environmental Services	\$ 8,327 + 34.60/ton for Disposal

SEALED BIDS – Demolition – 115 Walker Street

OPENED 06/02/08

1.	Boyd's Construction	\$ 2,000.00
2.	C. M. Hinson	\$ 4,100.00
3.	DEJ Enterprise	\$ 2,827.00
4.	J & J Dump Trucking	\$ 3,200.00
5.	Deloach Land Clearing	\$ 3,100.00
6.	Southern Abatement Services	\$ 5,700.00
7.	Terry Kidd	\$ 3,800.00
8.	Southern Environmental Services	\$ 8,327 + 34.60/ton for disposal

Mr. Thompson stated the land owner of 347 N. Albany Street has obtained a contractor and requested to have this property removed himself.

Mrs. Rhodia Foster asked Council to give her 3 more months to remove her three houses due to financial hardship.

Commissioner Johnson asked Mr. Thompson does the Court have an appeal process.

Mr. Thompson stated the Ordinance does not allow financial hardship as a reason for not complying with the Court Order. He stated this process has been on-going for over 6 months.

Council informed Mrs. Foster the houses will be demolished and a tax lien placed on the properties.

Commissioner Amis made motion seconded by Commissioner DeWitt to proceed with the demolition of 574 West Walnut Street, 115 Walker Street, and 249 N. Third Street by Boyd's Construction at a total cost of \$6,000.00.

All Council voted yes.

Mr. Earvin Reddish stated he had been complaining about the drainage problem on West Walnut Street for the past 36 months.

Mr. Reddish stated Amtrak train travelers do not have any place to wait for the train because the Train Depot previously burned and is abandoned.

Mayor Shaw stated Federal grant funds have been received for the renovation of the Depot, but guidelines must be followed.

Mr. Reddish stated the area between West Walnut Street and West Pine Street has overgrown sidewalks.

Mr. Reddish stated that instead of installing a traffic light at the intersection of North Fourth Street and West Pine Street, why don't the Council re-route the school traffic pattern.

City Manager Woodard stated the City doesn't have anything to do with the school traffic pattern.

Commissioner Nichols stated the Mayor and other Council members will have a conflict on June 17, 2008, the next scheduled meeting, and requested to delay or cancel the meeting.

Mayor Shaw stated he does not have a conflict on June 17, 2008.

Council agreed to not cancel the regular meeting on June 17, 2008.

City Manager Woodard inquired about the next Budget Study.

Council agreed to have a Budget Study on June 17, 2008, before the regular meeting.

Commissioner Amis stated she has received complaints about ditches where the sidewalk meets the road, and asked is it the City policy to fill the ditch with clay?

City Manager Woodard stated if that is all the City has, then that's what is used.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus Jackson
City Clerk/Treasurer